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the citizens of Charlotte that I am now pre-

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SHOES

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

Particular attention paid to LADIES'

SHOES.

ALL REPAIRING done with neatness

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J. J. SNEAD.

Next door to the Barber Shop.

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OFFICE OF A. C. M. CO.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE

RAILROAD.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received

at the Office of the Engineer, in the

City of Raleigh, North Carolina,

on Thursday, November 21, 1862,

at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of

contracting for the construction

of the Raleigh and Gaston

Railroad, from Raleigh to

Gaston, North Carolina.

For full particulars, see

specifications, which may be

seen at the Office of the

Engineer, in the City of

Raleigh, North Carolina.

Witness my hand and seal,

at Raleigh, North Carolina,

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DAILY BULLETIN (per annum) \$5.00
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CHARLOTTE.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 22, '63.

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FOR THE BULLETIN, DAILY.
For one month, \$1.00
For three months, \$2.50
For six months, \$4.50
For one year, \$8.00

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For six months, \$2.00
For one year, \$3.50

FOR CATAWBA JOURNAL, WEEKLY.
For one year, \$5.00

The Journal, our weekly publication, will not be forwarded for a less term than one year.

CHARLOTTE, Nov. 1, 1862.

Our colored carriers are not privileged to sell copies of the Bulletin. Those purchasing from them encourage dishonesty and do us serious injury.

We direct special attention to a communication from a lady correspondent, to be found in another column, under the caption "To the Women of the South."

Gov. Vance's Message.

Necessity, to the exclusion of our usual variety, we give place to the Message of Gov. Vance as promised. It is a highly interesting paper and will not be read by the people generally.

A Battle at Franklin, N. C.

We learn from a highly esteemed friend who was present that a cannon duel took place at Franklin, N. C., on Tuesday last between some of our North Carolina Troops and the Abolitionists, who attempted to cross the river; a portion of whom, some five regiments, had been driven back.

The loss on our side consists of only four men in Capt. Hand's Company, who were wounded, viz:

Mr. Frazier, wounded in shoulder, severely.

Mr. Brigman, flesh, severely.

Mr. Query, slightly.

The name of the fourth is not recollected.

British Interests at New Orleans.

A memorial has been sent to Earl Russell from leading Liverpool merchants connected with New Orleans, calling his Lordship's attention to the arbitrary acts of Gen. Butler in respect to foreigners, and urging the necessity of a chief consul and a British man-of-war being dispatched to that port for the protection of British interests. His Lordship has simply acknowledged the receipt of the memorial.

From Fredericksburg.

Our advice from Fredericksburg yesterday represent that the enemy will occupy the position on the heights opposite the town, and had planted cannon the whole distance from Lacy's Hill to Falmouth. Up to the hour of half past 12 o'clock they had made no attempt to cross the river, nor had there been any firing since Monday. A large number of non-combatants have left the town, and those who remain are determined that everything shall be sacrificed rather than surrendered to the enemy. With regard to the extent of our own preparations we have no information, except that any attempt on the part of the Yankees to move forward will be met with a firm resistance.

(Richmond Whig.)

TO THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTH.

Editor Charlotte Bulletin:

Sir: I wish to make public through your columns, and those of various other influential journals, a suggestion to the women of the South.

It is, that a day be appointed on which at a certain hour they, with one consent, shall untiedly beg for peace from Him in whose hands are the hearts of men and the destinies of nations. Prayer has been made continually for the success of our arms in battle, and these prayers have been answered, in many instances, beyond our hopes. Every prayer has doubtless breathed an humble petition for peace, but it is suggested that now our faithful women shall unite to pray in an especial manner for it—that God would forgive our enemies and turn their hearts, and that he would also forgive us our debts, and would deliver us from the evil hands of bloody men.

Let Monday the 1st of December be appointed, and on that day at 12 M., let the hearts of every wife, mother, sister and daughter, in every State in the Confederacy, go out in solemn, fervent prayer to God for peace.

In places and Churches where female prayer-meetings are usual, let the women themselves order the matter; where such meetings are not usual, or are considered inadvisable, or are impracticable, let the women stop and alone with God plead with Him for their country. Let the sick women on her bed remember the day and hour: let the busy forego her business, and let me go to say let the gay suspend her gaiety, but I trust there are not many gay women in the South now. But let the young, beautiful and thoughtless, equally with those who can lay no claims to such titles, think of the dead, of the dying and the mangled; think of the broken hearted, the deserted and the homeless; think of the widows and the fatherless and children of this awful war, and let every woman's heart be raised as with one voice on that day to God for help and for peace, and an auspicious peace.

C. A. S.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 1862.

All papers friendly to the above suggestion are requested to copy.

Walter H. Brooks, employed in the Quartermaster's Department at Danville, Va., was killed on Friday last by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands. Deceased was a refugee from Maryland, and fought in the first battle of Manassas as a member of the First Virginia Regt.

FIRST MESSAGE

OF HIS EXCELLENCY

GOV. Z. B. VANCE,

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Honorable the General Assembly:

Certainly a Legislature has never been convened in the State of North Carolina to protect greater interests or meet greater responsibilities.

Eighteen months ago, when the State entered into the war, which is now waging, all was life and buoyancy and excitement. The novelty of our undertaking, and the enthusiasm of our people in support of our cause, not only rendered the course of the Legislature and the Executive easy, but actually precluded and marked it out. But the long continuance of the contest, the slaughter of our soldiers, the occupation of our territory by the enemy, the destruction of our homes, and the blocked condition of our coast, have reduced us to straits, and given rise to a class of evils, in the presence of which ephemeral patriotism must perish, and the tinsel enthusiasm of novelty give place to that stern and determined devotion to our cause, which alone can sustain a revolution.

It now becomes the duty of you, the General Assembly, to set an example to your constituents of firmness, prudence, determination and energy; to correct the errors of the past, to provide for the exigencies of the future, and to use well and wisely the power vested in your body by the Constitution, for the protection of our rights and liberties.

The subject of first importance is the prosecution of the war, and the means of defending our State against the invasion of the enemy. The Legislature, by several acts in 1861, provided that, in case the Confederate Government should fail or neglect to provide for the defense of North Carolina, the Governor should be authorized to raise a certain number of troops for that purpose, and made appropriations of money for their support. Impressed with the defensive condition of our eastern counties when I came into office, I had fully determined to avail myself of this authority, and would have proceeded at once to do so, but for the intervention of insurmountable difficulties. The principal of these was the conscript law passed by the Confederate Congress subsequent to the passage of the several acts referred to. By this law, as extended in its provisions a short time before the adjournment of Congress, all able bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, became liable to enrollment as soldiers of the Confederate States. To raise an adequate force for State defense from our citizens beyond the age of forty-five, and submit to this vast drain besides, I thought entirely impracticable. I hoped, too, that by aiding and assisting in the execution of the conscription law, I would be effectually providing for State defense.

This reasonable hope, I regret to say, has been disappointed; and although North Carolina has a greater extent of sea-coast than any other State, she has had fewer troops given her for its defense.

It is not necessary, gentlemen, that I should call your attention to the astounding wealth of this threatened section of our State—filled with everything necessary for the comfort of our army and our people—or to the suffering and ruin of its loyal patriotic inhabitants. You are sufficiently informed in regard thereto. It is to you, therefore to say, whether you will suffer our defenses as heretofore, to remain exclusively in the hands of the Confederate authorities, or take steps to carry out the will of the last Legislature, and raise troops enough on State authority to strengthen the weak hand of the General Government on our coast.

Unhesitatingly I recommend the raising of at least ten regiments of reserves, to be accepted for three or four months, and dismissed in time to pitch their crops in the Spring.

This force, auxiliary to the Confederate troops, would probably be able to prevent an advance of the enemy into the interior, and while subsisting on the abundant supplies in our eastern counties, could benefit the whole State, by aiding in withdrawing vast quantities of provisions from exposed points.

Inasmuch as it may become necessary for slave labor to be employed on State defenses, and my authority to force such labor may be questioned by some, I would respectfully recommend the propriety of the passing of an act whereby such authority may be vested in me, in case such urgent necessity shall arise, as will justify it.

Next to the defense of the State from the enemy in importance, is the defense of our people against extortion and starvation. Notwithstanding the failure of the crops in the Western part of the State, it is believed that there is within our borders an abundance of grain for the supply of our people, and a surplus for the use of the army. The lands heretofore devoted to cotton and tobacco have been planted in corn very generally, and the crop of this essential product is perhaps larger by many hundred thousand bushels than has ever been known. When this is considered, together with the immense crop of peas, potatoes, fruits, &c., there would seem to be little danger of any actual suffering among our people—not would there be, could it all be properly distributed and at reasonable prices. But the demon of speculation and extortion seems to have advanced upon nearly all sorts and conditions of men and all the necessities of life are fast getting beyond the reach of the poor.

Flour, which if properly left to the laws of supply and demand could not have risen to more than double prices, can now be had only by the rich.

Everything has a tendency upward in the same proportion—leather, woolen cloth and cotton goods have been made the special means of extortion. As if we were not sufficiently afflicted with the ban and overtones in our own midst, speculations

from distant States swarm in the land, offering fabulous prices for everything they can buy. And in many instances, taking advantage of the patriotism of our people, they represent themselves as agents of the Government, purchasing for the army—thus obtaining what they could not otherwise do. The supply of salt, I hope, is sufficient, but this subject too needs legislative action. Dr. Worth, our salt commissioner appointed by the Convention, has been industriously at work; but he has not produced a great quantity, owing to the difficulties which he has mentioned in his reports. His first works, at Morehead City, were taken by the enemy before he had fairly gotten them into operation. His next effort at Wilmington was successful in producing about 250 bushels per day, for some time before they were interrupted by the yellow-fever, which has caused their temporary suspension. As the pestilence has abated, they will of course be immediately again put into operation. The whole amount made there by the State and private individuals, probably exceeds 2,500 bushels per day. Nearly all of this made on private account in bought by citizens of other States and carried off for speculation, at prices ranging from \$13 to \$20 per bushel.

My predecessor, Gov. Clark, also entered into a contract through N. W. Woodfin and Geo. W. Merdison, Esqrs., with Stewart, Buchanan & Co. of Baltimore, for the privilege of manufacturing 200,000 bushels of salt, and Mr. Woodfin was made Superintendent of the Works. With commendable energy he has pushed forward his undertaking, and there are, now, as reported to me by a special agent sent to visit the establishment, about 300 kettles in operation, making near 1800 bushels per day. Owing to his sickness the Superintendent has made no official report to me of his operations and expenditures.

I recommend that your Honorable body shall take immediate steps to prevent the exportation from the State of salt, leather, shoes, wooden cloth, cotton cloth, yarn, pork and bacon, flour and potatoes—except for the army and by regular agents of the Government; and except when purchased by any county and corporate authorities of our sister States, under such regulations as will amount to satisfactory proof that such articles are for private use, or charitable distribution to the poor of such counties, towns, &c., and not for speculation—not, however, in violation of any existing contracts made by our citizens with citizens of other States. This is all the remedy I can suggest for the evils of extortion—history and commonsense having taught us the danger of trying to force trade, which refuses to be governed by any but national laws. All we can do is to shield these well-established laws, as the skillful physician assists nature in the checking of disease. Violent and forcible measures have long since been condemned by civilized statesmen, and could now only serve to dry up the sources of our industry, and lessen the productions of the country. The same remarks apply to seizures of private property for public use, which ought never to be resorted to except in extreme cases, and then only as a temporary expedient.

To provide against the possible suffering of the wives and children of our brave and self-denying soldiers, I also respectfully recommend the purchasing and storing, at some safe point in the interior, of at least two hundred thousand bushels of corn and five hundred thousand pounds of pork, to be sold to them at rates sufficient to cover the cost of transportation, &c. It can now be bought in the Eastern counties at moderate prices, and is in danger of destruction by the enemy, if not removed at an early day. Anticipating the necessity of this measure, and also thinking it proper in a military point of view to have some surplus on hand, I have already ordered the building of large cribs on the N. C. R. Road, and made other preliminary arrangements for purchasing on a large scale.

I deem this a matter of the very highest importance. Nothing would so cheer and encourage our soldiers in the discharge of duty, as to know that their State was providing for those at home dearer to them than life; and nothing would so dispirit and demoralize them as to know that those dear ones were suffering.

Indeed, the soldier, shivering through the snows of the coming winter and offering his blood day by day for our defense, has a right to expect that his country will not permit his wife and little ones to starve in the land; and while there is a moral in the land it should be done with them. I beg you, therefore, Gentlemen, to make such provisions as you may deem best in reference to the matter, and at an early day as possible, and let the gratifying assurance go forth to the camps of our armies that the wives and children of our soldiers shall not suffer so long as their State has money or food to give them.

I beg leave to call your attention to the great and almost insurmountable difficulties encountered by the Quartermaster's Department in providing clothing, shoes, and blankets for our troops. I regret to say that the heroes of Roanoke, Sharpsburg and other glorious fields, have suffered and are still suffering greatly for the want of shoes and clothing. Every possible exertion has been made for their relief; but while the agents of the Confederate authorities are allowed to compete with ours, and speculators are allowed to carry our leather beyond our borders, it will be impossible to supply them.

I earnestly recommend an embargo upon this article, as before mentioned.

The finances of the State will doubtless engage your anxious consideration.

The Board of Claims, in pursuance of Ordinance No. 20, Sec. 5, passed in Dec. 1861, have made a report showing the debt of the State on the 30th Sept. 1862, to be \$20,383,351.01, subject to be diminished by the amount of the sinking fund; at that time about \$300,000, and the debt due the State from the Confederate Government, between five and six millions. Still the State debt is very heavy, and the interest at least ought to be promptly paid.

Under the circumstances current would

by the Constitution in the Legislature to

the interest and the debt of the State

to the State. Each county is interested

to equalize the tax on land, inasmuch as both

specimens of property must be taxed alike on

their respective values. A precedent for

this mode of taxing slaves, however im-

perfect, may be found in the legislation of

1782, ch. 2.

In order to meet the interest on the

debt, and to make up the sum due from

counties, where the tax cannot be collected

on account of the absence of the army, I

recommend an increase of at least twenty

five per cent on the present amount of tax-

ation. The great abundance of money and

consequent high prices of property would,

I think, enable the people to pay it cheer-

fully. I also recommend that a tax of

twenty-five per cent be laid upon the net

profits of all persons who have, during the

present year, speculated in the necessities

of life, such as corn, flour, bacon, pork,

shoes, leather, cotton cloth and yarn and

woolen goods, and to be continued during

the next year or longer, if necessary; the

proceeds to be applied to the support of

widows and children or widows of soldiers

whose property was lost on the tax books,

shall fall below a certain sum. This law

if properly enforced and guarded against

false swearing, would be made to answer

a valuable purpose, and would be eminently

just in its effects.

I am clearly of the opinion that no more

Treasury notes should be issued, if it be

possible to avoid it, as I think it would be

better to pay interest on our bonds than to

further swell the volume of paper in circula-

tion.

The following is a statement of the debt

of the State on the 30th day of September,

1862:

Bonded debt, \$14,815,000 00

Temporary loans, 2,550,450 00

Interest on Gov. Bonds, 495,000 54

Interest on Temp. Loans, 1,000,000 00

Interest on Bonds, 52,351 50

Amount Treasury notes in circulation, 3,136,500 00

Total, \$20,383,351 01

Taxes rec'd from permanent sources for 1861, \$734,651 10

Taxes rec'd from permanent sources for 1862, 715,763 39

The falling off is attributable to those

counties and parts of counties in the pos-

session of the enemy. The deduction for

the next year will be still greater, owing

to his advance, the destruction of property,

&c. The report of the Board of Claims

on the subject of the finances is herewith

transmitted.

In view of the very great labor now im-

posed upon the Treasury Department and

the variety of duties it embraces, I recom-

mend the creation of the office of Auditor

of Public Accounts, to continue so long as

may be deemed necessary, whose duty it

shall be to investigate and settle all claims

against the State, &c.

I beg leave to make certain suggestions

in regard to militia and to aiding the Con-

federate authorities in enforcing their or-

ders to maintain the efficiency of our ar-

ms.

The ordinary penalties prescribed by our

Militia laws for the punishment of offences,

disobedience of orders, &c., adapted to

peace times, are found now entirely in-

adequate. Wishing to spare our citizens the

disagreeable spectacle of Confederate sol-

diers traversing the country to gather up

delinquent conscripts, deserters and ab-

scondos from the army without leave I de-

cided to employ the Militia for that pur-

pose. In general, it has answered admir-

ably, most of the officers having displayed

great zeal and efficiency in gathering up

rapidly all persons subject to military duty

without offending the sensibilities of our

people. But, in some instances, deserters

and other shirking characters, have set

the officers at defiance, and are enabled to

escape by the assistance of others who con-

BY TELEGRAPH.

Flag of Truce, &c.

A Flag of Truce Boat arrived in City Point yesterday.

Among the passengers are several ladies, near relatives of Judge Campbell, of Albemarle, and among the returned prisoners are several officers and surgeons. They have been three days on the James River and consequently bring no late news from the North. They all represent that Burnside's army was totally demoralized by McClellan's retreat, that Grant nearly caused a revolution among the Federal troops.

While regiments, it is said, threw down their arms, and those who were ordered to arrest them refused to do so. Gen. Hollick visited the army and succeeded in pacifying the mutineers.

It becomes my duty also, to call your attention to the subject of offering our troops in the field—some conflict of opinion existing in regard thereto.

The right of the State authorities to commission the officers of the regulars originally created for the war, is not doubted. It is conceded by the Act of Congress of April 16th, 1862, known as the Conscription Law. But the Confederate authorities claim the right to commission the regiments of twelve months men, continued in service by this law, and also all regiments whatsoever, raised since it went into operation. And in both cases, they have claimed to commission and appoint all regimental staff officers, even when they con-

tinued to the Executive of the State the appointment of the officers of the line. Again, while appointing and commissioning field officers, the Secretary of War has declined to appoint the company officers. To remedy, if possible, this confusion and to avoid conflict, I called in person to see the President, who promised to take the opinion of his Attorney General on the subject at length. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing that opinion, and now lay the matter before you, and recommend you to take such steps as will preserve the rights and honor of the State.

I would also recommend that this existing prohibition against the distillation of spirits from all kinds of grain be continued during the war.

I also recommend that a law be passed providing for a rigid punishment of all persons who may be convicted of speculating in any of the necessities of life, under the pretense of being government agents.

In order to keep the highways of the country in better condition, they have since the commencement of the war been permitted to get in very bad repair. I recommend that the Revised Code be amended so that the age, to be reached to entitle a man to exemption from working on the roads, shall be fifty years instead of forty-five, as now.

The term of the Hon. George Davis, Confederate States Senator from N. C., will expire before the next regular session of the General Assembly, and it will be your duty to provide for filling the vacancy.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to urge upon you the vital importance of bringing forth all the powers and resources of the State for the common defense of our country and our cause. The two great dangers we have to meet will be found connected with our currency and supplies for our army. Men enough to protect us and drive the invaders, we can always get. Let us do this and preserve our power from depreciation and all will be well. In our intercourse with the authorities of our young Confederacy, having demanded firmly the rights which are due our State, let us yield them no grudging support, but in all things pertaining to the general weal, sustain and strengthen them with our whole hearts. And in all our official acts let us remember, that it is the spirit of the people which tyrants cannot subdue. On this depends all. So long as they continue harmonious, willing, self-sacrificing, the united armies of this continent may be hurled against us in vain; with such a country and such a people we might set them at defiance. Our heroic soldiers, shivering in their rags and plashing with their naked feet through the snows, have already, even through the chronicle of our foes, excited the wondering admiration of the world, and great Generals and brave people beyond the distant waters of the sea, stand against with astonishment at the feat of freedom struggling for their rights. Let us learn of them, and by zeal and discretion displayed for the general good, show to the world that we are worthy to preside over these gallant and patriotic men.

Many of the matters to which I have called your attention, if done at all, require to be done promptly. This is especially the case in regard to the raising of troops for State defense, and to laying an embargo upon the necessities of life referred to.

Remember, lastly, that you are laboring for the very salvation of our people. The bitter cup that our captured cities and districts have had to drink, shows us, alas! too plainly, the misery we are to expect if our abolition foes should overcome us. In the bitterness of their hatred they have even shown a determination to re-erect the horrors of Saint Domingo and to let loose the hellish passions of savage instruction to revel in the desolation of our homes.

The people of the next generation will bless the memory of those who, whether in the field or the council, helped to rescue their country from these horrors. Let us labor to deserve their praise, and may the blessing of God attend our soldiers and our statesmen, who are struggling to defend a noble people and a noble cause.

Z. B. VANCE.
Executive Department, Nov. 17, 1862.

OBITUARY.
Died in Portsmouth, Virginia, Nov. 10th, 1862, N. B. Franklin, a member of the 3d Regt. Ga. Vol. Company H. Young Guard. His home was in Covington, Ga.

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